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SUBJECT: MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND  
VEGETABLES

REF: (A) STATE 083801; (B) LONDON 5278 : (C) EC BRUSSELS 6489  
OF 11/14/73; (D) EC BRUSSELS 6730 OF 11/20/73; (E) EC  
BRUSSELS 0183 OF 1/10/74; (F) EC BRUSSELS 02648

1. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION,  
THE EC HAS NOT CONSIDERED NOR IS IT LIKELY TO ADOPT MINIMUM  
IMPORT PRICES THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENTIATED  
ACCORDING TO SUPPLYING COUNTRY (REF B). THE SPECIAL AGRICULTURE  
COMMITTEE (SAC) IS CONTINUING TO DISCUSS MINIMUM IMPORT  
PRICES ON THE BASIS OF THE 1973 PROPOSAL OF THE COMMISSION  
(REFS C AND E). THIS PROPOSAL WILL BE THE FOCUS FOR DISCUSSION  
BY THE COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS AT ITS MEETING OF  
APRIL 28-29, 1975.

2. IN ITS DISCUSSIONS OF THE 1973 PROPOSAL, THE SAC HAS CON-  
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SIDERED TWO ASPECTS OF A COMMON IMPORT SYSTEM FOR PROCESSED

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. THE FIRST IS THE LIST OF PRODUCTS TO BE SUBJECT TO M.I.P.'S. OUR COMMISSION SOURCES REPORT THAT THE SAC HAS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING A MINIMUM IMPORT PRICE ONLY TO TOMATO CONCENTRATES. IMPORT LICENSING (WITH NO MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES) WOULD BE IMPOSED ON THE OTHER "SENSITIVE PRODUCTS (I.E., CANNED PEACHES, CONCENTRATED AND NATURAL ORANGE JUICE, AND CONCENTRATED LEMON JUICE). THE SECOND ASPECT IS THE POSSIBILITY OF EXEMPTING MEMBER STATES FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD FROM HAVING TO LIBERALIZE THEIR NATIONAL QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. WHEREAS UNDER THE 1973 PROPOSAL, ALL NATIONAL QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CITRUS JUICES WOULD BE REMOVED, A COMPROMISE NOW IS STARTING TO SHAPE UP WHEREBY ITALY ALONE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAINTAIN ITS QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CITRUS JUICES FOR NO MORE THAN TWO YEARS.

3. MISSION CONTINUES TO RECOMMEND THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE SENT FOR HIGH-LEVEL APPROACHES TO THE COMMISSION AND EC-9 GOVERNMENTS RECALLING EARLIER USG DEMARCHES AND POSITION, AND THAT THESE APPROACHES BE MADE WELL BEFORE THE APRIL 28-29 COUNCIL DATE (REF F). GREENWALD

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